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President's Message

We successfully finished another VNA convention with few problems. I want to thank John Cunningham, Greg Coburn, his wife, and all the volunteers who helped with setup and breakdown. Without this help the convention would not work. For the first time, the VNA hosted an American Numismatic Association (ANA) class in coin grading, one of the biggest classes taught by the ANA. The VNA board plans another class next year and are waiting to determine what ANA class topics may be offered. VNA convention attendance was up on Friday, down on Saturday and average on Sunday as far as I know. With all the show advertising we do, I was disappointed that turnout on Saturday was as low as it was. Most dealers and attendees remain pleased with the show. The convention center is looking into using large fans during Thursday set up, to help cool the center so it will not be uncomfortable next year, no matter how hot the day; it may be a record cold next year and we will need heat rather than cool!

John Phillips again, did a fantastic job with the youth tables with assistance by Jeff Garrett, President of the ANA, and with a record number of Boy Scouts attending the merit badge class, and with youth games. At the convention banquet, two members of the VNA received the ANA Presidential medal, Andy Skrabalak and Jim Ruerhmund. My plans for the next two years, as president are to try to solidify the present membership, to include areas of Virginia not well represented at present (west and south), to increase membership, and to work hard to increase youth participation in local, state and national numismatic clubs. Without participation by the next two generations after me, the numismatic hobby will disappear. We are well on the way, with the help of our youth director, to overcome this fate. Without the help of you all, this organization will not succeed. Thank you for your help, whether you attended the VNA convention or not, and thank you for your future participation.

Editor's Corner

The VNA thanks the following donors of coins, tokens, medals, currency, and collection supplies that help make our VNA Youth Educational Program a continuing success:

Thanks to **John Dorman** (VNA), **Rob Lehman** (Reeded Edge), **Harlan Loebman** (VNA), **Bill Scott** (RCC), **Shellie Ridder** (VNA), **Stanley Doran** (Great Falls), **Rich Willingham** (RACC), **Andy Singer** (Bowie, MD), **Don & Marcella Zauche** (Westminster, MD), **David Ellison** (VNA), **Moore Gouldman** (VNA), **Parry Bragg** (VNA), and other donors who we may have unintentionally omitted.

At this year's 2016 VNA Convention we held five educational classes, ongoing youth treasure hunts, and a Boy Scout coin collecting merit badge certification program. We had 62 homeschoolers attend classes, 169 youth participated in our Treasure Hunts. Over 3,000 coins were given out; and 42 BSA merit badges were awarded. Over the past six years our Boy Scout program has awarded 166 coin collecting merit badges. Special thanks to **Darrell Tyler** for assisting with these BSA merit badge certification classes.

Our young coin collectors were thrilled that **Jeff Garrett, ANA President** participated in each of our youth educational programs and classes.

Examples of donations always needed for our VNA youth program include Old Red Books, Whitman collection albums, foreign coins or currency, wheat and Indian cents, "V" and Buffalo nickels, wooden nickels, tokens, Mardi Gras doubloons, plastic magnifying glasses, coin tube holders, old coin publications, and anything educational.

Thank you!

John Philips - VNA Education Director

Why I Collect VAMs

by George W. Powell Jr.

Reprinted with acknowledgement of the Society of Silver Dollar Collectors

After reading the story by Tom Wetbern in the email newsletter of the Society of Silver Dollar Collectors (SSDC), (Volume 12, Issue 15) of “VAM-e News,” it reminded me of the why and how I found my first “VAM.” VAMs are examples of special die differences seen in Morgan and Peace silver dollars, first explored, categorized, and published by Leroy C. Van Allen and A. George Mallis (hence, Van Allen – Mallis “VAM” varieties). Back when I was very young I remember getting silver dollars on my birthdays and at Christmas each year. Sometimes I would receive one or two silver dollars for doing odd jobs. When I was around 12 years old, my best friend and I would save up our money, earned over the week, and on Saturdays we would go to the local bank as it opened at 9:00 AM to get silver dollars. We would look them over and sometimes we would keep one or two of them. Then we would exchange the rest for half dollars to look through, doing the same for quarters. The bank would close at noon so we would turn the quarters in for dimes before closing and take them home to look through. The next Saturday we would turn the dimes in for nickels and then cents. After we looked through them all we would start over with silver dollars again. On my seventeenth birthday, I joined the Navy and served in Viet Nam from January 1964 to February 1966. When I returned home, I started to collect coins again, saving up my money so I could pay my Mom and Dad back the money they gave me for coins that I had sold them when I entered the service.

Over the years I amassed nearly full sets of cents through halves and a lot of Morgan & Peace dollars. Most of the coins I had were from the 1870's and up, and sometimes I would find a two-cent piece or three-cent coin in with the dimes and quarter rolls I looked through at the bank. I joined the Bowie Coin Club in Bowie, Maryland that another friend of mine belonged to, so I could learn more about the coins that I collected. One thing I did learn about was VAM varieties, so I started to look closer at my silver dollars, saved up as gifts, trades, and ones I paid for over the years. I had more than 700 of them. One thing you need to remember is that back in the 1950's and 1960's you could pick up a collectable silver dollar for \$6.00 or \$7.00 and in the early 70's for \$12.00 to \$13.00. The only way I could collect that many collectible dollars now would be to hit it big with the lottery. One of the silver dollars I had saved from the bank was an 1878 Philadelphia Mint, Morgan Dollar that had a lot going on with it. I took it to a coin show in Annandale, Virginia and

showed it to Al Johnbrier. He is a coin dealer and coin club member, and he suggested that Jeff Oxman in California should look at it. Off it went. A few weeks later at a coin club meeting, Al gave it back to me and said that Jeff said it was a “rare 1878-P VAM 9,” my first VAM.

[Editor’s Note: Per the VAMWorld Website: *“The 1878 VAM-9 Morgan Silver Dollar is the very first set of dies used to strike Morgan dollars! The 1878 VAM-9 is an 8 tailfeather coin...Detective work has revealed they began striking the new Morgan coins at 3:17 PM on March 11, 1878. The combination of the die and the time is known because a reporter was present at the event and the first coins struck were presentation pieces for President Rutherford B. Hayes, the 19th President of the United States. His specific coin has been preserved and studied for die features and subsequently identified as a VAM-9. According to a reporter present, only 303 pieces were struck when the die failed and new ones had to be used. The reporter's accounting of the mintage for this die pair is generally not considered credible, since observations of current collectors indicate that while VAM 9 is indeed scarce, far more than 303 were made. The reverse die is identifiable because of the "comma" feather on the lower right side as looking at the eagle. Some “VAMmers” describe this feather as kidney-bean shaped and it is a key identifier of a VAM-9.*]

Al told me I should get a copy of Leroy Van Allen’s “VAM book.” I found a copy at the next coin show I went to, and I spent a lot of time trying to identify my silver dollars by VAM variety. The next coin show I went to, I watched a coin dealer tare open a roll of Uncirculated 1881-S Morgan Dollars and as I looked through them, I saw one that had a lump of medal on the eagle’s right wing, so I asked the dealer how much he would take for it, and he said it is marked \$22.00, but he would take \$18.00 for it if I want it. I did. When I returned home WOW this had me taking a closer look at it, and at the other Silver Dollars I had. I got out the VAM book and my loupe but I could NOT find a match for this 1881-S picked up at the show.



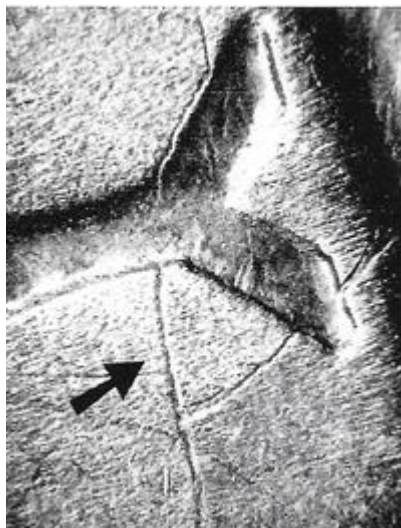
In the VAM book I saw Mr. Van Allen's name and address, so for the first time I sent him a group of silver dollars along with the 1881-S. I sent him thirty-eight others I had for him to look over. After a few weeks, I received the coins back with a letter from Leroy and a photocopy of my first "New Discovery," the 1881-S VAM 1B, Rarity-6, [*Large die chip on edge of eagle's right wing just above wreath top looks like a silver nugget*]. Now I was hooked on VAMs. In the letter, Leroy also said that he likes folks to only send twenty or fewer coins to him at one time, so from then on, I only sent twenty or fewer.



In 2005, I drove down to Orlando, Florida to go to the FUN Coin Show and when there I went to the "VAM Thing" meeting and had a great time talking with some of the best VAM collectors in the world. I met and talked with Jeff Oxman and others, and had the chance to meet with Leroy and his wife. Every year, Leroy makes a list of the past year's new and revised VAMs that had been found. I got a copy of it, and many other reports to keep up with what's new with VAMs. In March of 2006 I received my copy of the new VAM list for 2005 and I saw that now there was a new 1878-P, VAM 9A listed. I took a closer look at my 1878-P VAM 9 that Jeff verified, and saw that it also had clashing like the new VAM 9A has. So now I have a VAM 9A not a VAM 9.

Out of more than seven hundred silver dollars I had, I was only able to identify around two hundred of them, finding their VAM number myself. Over the years from 2001-2015, I sent a total of 458 Morgan and Peace Dollars to Leroy for him to look at and identify for me. The last group of ten

Peace Dollars I sent to Leroy on December 28th, 2015. Each time I send coins to him I have high hopes that there be something new out of this group of coins. With great anticipation I wait for them to come back to me. I received the latest package of coins back from Leroy on January 15th, 2016. With the excitement of opening a gift at Christmas, I received a letter dated January 7th, telling me that I had indeed found one more new VAM. It is a 1923-D Peace Dollar, VAM 1CN, Rarity-5 [*Die break running through top of "Y" in Liberty*] out of that last group.



That brings the total I have discovered to forty-seven new and seventeen revised VAMs, for a grand total of sixty-four VAMs discovered, out of more than seven hundred silver dollars I had collected. My new 1881-S VAM 1B is now listed as one of the “The WOW List” VAMs (packed with the WOW factor), because of the very large die chip it has. My new 1887-P VAM 22 is the only one of this VAM known, and as of July 17, 2012, my revised 1890-O VAM 4A and 1904-O VAM 4B are listed in the book, *Elite Clashed Morgan Dollars* by VAM expert Mark Kimpton. My revised 1921-P VAM 3F3 is listed as one of the Hot 50 Morgan VAM List.

Note: VAMs listed as a “new VAM” are varieties not seen before, but a VAM listed as a revised VAM, means that a coin has been found that not only has the same thing wrong with it as the New VAM, but it also has other things wrong, so the listing is revised to show this progression. My 1904-O VAM 4B revised the old 1904-O VAM 4 into VAM 4A and 4B and my 1921-P VAM 3F3 was formally the 1921-P VAM 3K, which is now revised into VAM 3F1, VAM 3F2, and VAM 3F3.

I have been retired more than fourteen years after being a walking mailman for thirty-six years. I don’t have funds to acquire many coins, so I look close and hard at every coin before I buy. Although I no long have 95% of the coins I was given, or collected over the past sixty-nine years, I am very glad that I had them, because when my wife and I moved from Falls Church, Virginia to Greenville, North Carolina in 2005, my coins helped me build a

new room in our new home. I added the room to display over 10,000 fossils that I found and collected over fifty-seven years of fossil collecting, a story for some other time.

On March 4th of this year, I received an E-mail from John Wexler, a noted author of numismatic books and papers, that I had discovered a new America the Beautiful quarter error variety. It is a 2015-Philadelphia, Uncirculated, National Park Quarter for the Nebraska, Homestead National Park. The new WDDR-042A, is a new stage (A), and it is an earlier die state than the WDDR-042 already listed. This is the first quarter variety I have discovered. Why do I collect VAMs and other coins? I enjoy looking for all things that can, and have gone wrong in the minting of silver dollars. To think, with all the people that have handled and looked at them over time, I can see something that they did not see or did not recognize as something abnormal. As a life member of the Society of Silver Dollar Collectors (SSDC), the Virginia Numismatic Association (VNA), the North Carolina Numismatic Association (NCNA), and the Bowie Coin Club, I have had the chance to meet many very nice and expert VAM collectors, and I have learned much about VAMs. I need to give a big THANK YOU to Leroy for his insight and help, and to everyone that helped me along the way. I still have a lot more to learn about VAMs. Keep looking, you never know what you will find out there.

Editor's Note: If you have unattributed silver dollars and want to determine their VAM variety see www.vamworld.com and start with "Attribution 101" to get started.

Three Classic Designs – At Least Nine Possibilities?

By Mark Benvenuto

The year 2016 might as well have been titled, "The Year of the Classic," since three classic designs were honored on the centennial of their first issue. The Mercury dime, the Standing Liberty quarter, and the Walking Liberty half were all originally unveiled in 1916, and all had been winning entries in a selective competition for coin redesign. Of those three designs, the quarter design was replaced first – in 1932 – for a second commemorative theme really, the bicentennial of the birth of George Washington. The dime design was replaced in 1946, as a means of honoring the president who got us through the worst war the world had ever seen. And the half dollar design was replaced two years later, and now honored one of the most

famous founders of the United States who never did hold the office of the President. In 2016 the coin collecting community may circle back, as it were, and purchase this classic trio, now in gold. With timing like this, it might be fun to examine the prices of the three gold pieces, as well as the price tags associated with the common, classic versions of the designs – and the price tags for any screaming rarities.



The Mercury dime - Issued from 1916 – 1945; the image is the artwork of Mr. Adolf A. Weinman, and has been called both the “Winged Liberty” dime as well as the “Mercury” dime from its inception. The design was heralded as a “classic image” pretty much from the moment it was released. The single most expensive rarity in the series is up front, the 1916-Denver issue. If a person were to celebrate the unveiling of the gold, “Mercury Dime Centennial” in 2016, by purchasing one of the 1916-Ds as a complement, they would be laying out about \$2,000 at a minimum, for a rather worn specimen, or something to the tune of \$10,000 for a coin at about MS-60. It’s a wonderful dream, but to many of us, that kind of expense has to be just that – a dream. Better news is the price of the centennial gold “dime” [a U.S. Mint “sell-out” within hours, from the West Point Mint, had a limit of ten per household, and is available in the secondary market for about \$300]. There is 1/10th ounce of gold in each one, so this price is higher than that of the precious metal alone. Original Mercury dime price tags attached to any of the common dates in high grades, including MS-65, can be purchased for about \$30. That’s a low dollar figure attached to a great dime design.



The Standing Liberty quarter - Much like the Mercury dime, the Standing Liberty quarter has its rarity up front, the 1916 Philadelphia issue. The

Standing Liberty quarter design is the artistry of Mr. Hermon MacNeil. Like Weinman, MacNeil was an accomplished artist at the time of the design contest, and had numerous works to his credit. For the person who wishes to acquire one of the rare 1916 quarters, well, we will need to ante up about \$5,000 just to purchase a well-worn specimen. An example in MS-60 costs about \$13,000. Once again we've found a great coin design we probably can't buy. The gold centennial "quarter" costs \$472.50 from the U.S. Mint web site (www.usmint.gov). There is ¼ ounce of gold in each of these modern versions of the classic, which means about \$300 in gold when the precious metal trades at \$1,200 per ounce (or \$325 when it trades at \$1,300). Thus, there is a hefty premium attached to these modern gold pieces. Original, common date, Standing Liberty quarters cost \$125 in MS-60, towards the end of the series, after the recessed date was put in place in 1925. There are a couple of earlier dates for which a mint state coin costs about \$175. The years with the raised dates do cost more.



The Walking Liberty half - It was Mr. Weinman who designed the Walking Liberty half dollar as well as the Mercury dime. And unlike the other two coins we've looked at, there is no single date or mint mark within the Walking Liberty series that counts as a major rarity – only because there are several. Numerous dates and mint marks from 1916 to 1928 are very expensive coins in upper level grades we all look for when building any collection. But the collector of limited means isn't shut out of the game entirely, as the latter dates in the series are pretty affordable. The new, gold, 2016 West Point, centennial version of the Walking Liberty half [costs \$865] per the Mint web site and contains ½ ounce of gold. Thus, there is at least \$600 in gold value in each coin, which may push it out of reach of some of us. Time will tell what it will do on the secondary market. Once again, there is some good news in the Walking Liberty halves in terms of prices. When we look at the common dates from 1935 until the end of the series in

1947 we'll find that \$40 gets a piece in MS-60 grade, while \$125 can land one at the MS-65 level. That's a very good, very beautiful original piece at a very attractive price.

Three by Three? - These three classic designs can be costly for anyone who wants to hunt down a trio of the rarities. In gold, their modern counterparts may be considered expensive, although not absurdly so. And as for common dates, all three series have plenty of great options. It looks like 2017 might turn into a good year for hunting down examples of these three classic designs.

2017 CALENDAR OF VNA COIN CLUB SHOWS

Free Admission to All VNA Shows

February 18-19, 2017 - **Virginia Beach Coin Show** – Saturday 9:00AM-5:00PM, Sunday 9:00AM-4:00PM. Virginia Beach Convention Center, 1000 19th St., Virginia Beach, VA 23451. Contact John Kolos, Phone: 757-331-1530. Email: john.kolos1790@gmail.com and see Web Site: www.tidewatercoinclub.org

February 25-26, 2017 - **Salem Coin Club Show** – Saturday 9:30-5:30 PM, Sunday 9:30-3:30 PM. American Legion Hall, 710 Apperson Drive, Salem, VA. Free Admission. Free Parking. Good Food. Contact Will Camp, PO Box 283, Fishersville, VA 22939.

Plan for a future show here on August 19 – 20, 2017.

March 11, 2017 - **Winchester Coin Club Show** – Saturday 9:30 AM-4:00 PM. Frederick County Fairgrounds, Stonewall Ruritan Building, 136 Fairground Road, Clearbrook, VA 22624. Featuring 32 tables of US & World Coins and Currency. ANACS Grading Service will be onsite and will be taking submissions for grading and authentication. Contacts: Doug and Ginny Bowers Cell: 540-335-7287 Email: bottles@shentel.net

Plan for a future show here on September 9, 2017.

March 17, 18, and 19, 2017 - **Williamsburg Coin, Stamp, Postcard and Paper Money Show** - Dealer setup Friday 9:00-12:00. Show Hours: Friday 12:00-6:00, Saturday 10:00-5:00. Sunday 10:00-4:00. Ramada Inn, Williamsburg VA, (I-64 Exit #238), 500 Merrimac Trail, Also Highway #143. 50 Tables: Coins, Paper Money, Stamps, Postcards, Civil War Items, Jewelry, Gold and Silver Bullion & Sports Cards, too! Barry Ciociola, Phone: 1-919-477-9703 (store) 1-919-656-3265 (cell)

March 31, April 1 and 2, 2017 - **Shenandoah Valley Coin Club Coin & Stamp Show**. Weyers Cave Community Center, Weyers Cave, VA. (I-81, Exit 235), 2 miles

E on Hwy. 256. Bourse Chair: Tom and Cathy Becker, Phone: 703-994-5986, cathyandtombecker@yahoo.com, SVCCSHOW@gmail.com - Floor Bourse, Melissa Smith: SCVVSH@gmail.com

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April 15, 2017 - **Monticello Coin Club** – Saturday 9:00 AM-5:00 PM. Charlottesville Elks Lodge, 389 Elk Drive, Charlottesville, VA 22901. Bourse Chair: Bernie Gilbert, Email silverspoonbg86@gmail.com. Monticello Coin Club, PO Box 5858, Charlottesville, VA 22905. Drawing every two hours. Final drawing for \$5.00 gold piece.

May 5, 6, and 7, 2017 - **Richmond Annual Spring Coin & Currency Show** - Friday 10-6, Saturday 10-6, Sunday 10-3. Clarion Richmond Central, 3207 N. Blvd, Richmond, VA. (Take I-95, Exit 78). Email: woscott1@verizon.net Phone: 804-350-1140 www.richmondcoinclub.com

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September 21 – 24, 2017 – 59th VNA Convention, Coin and Stamp Show (See: www.vnaonline.org for updates) Dealer Setup on Thursday 1-7, Public Hours: Friday 10-6, Saturday 10-6, Sunday 10-4. Fredericksburg Expo & Conference Center, 2371 Carl D. Silver Pkwy, Fredericksburg, VA. Contact Bourse Chair: John Cunningham, Phone: 703 303-0783, Email: cunningham314@verizon.net.

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January 29, 2017 – **Westminster Coin and Currency Show** - Sunday 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM. Westminster Fire Dept., Engine Company #1, Hall, 28 John Street (From Rt.140 going west, turn left on Engler Road, then left on John Street), Westminster, MD 21157. Carl Ostiguy, CEO Coins, PO Box 92, Savage, MD 20763. Phone: 443-623-7025. Email: ceocoins@comcast.net or visit www.coinshows.com

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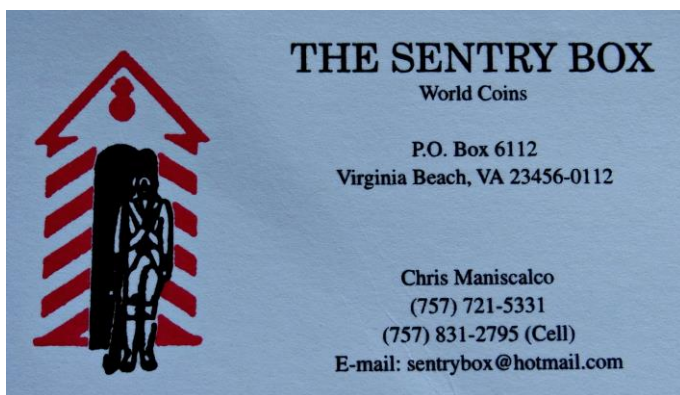
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Plan for future shows here on June 18, September 3, and November 26, 2017.

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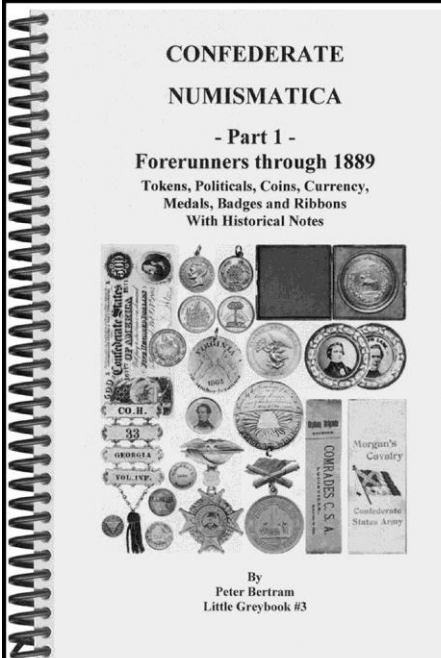
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(Dealer Set-up Friday, 9/29/2017 from 10:00 AM – 6:00 PM)

Ocean City (Roland E. Powell) Convention Center

4001 Coastal Hwy, Ocean City, Maryland 21842 (at 40th Street)

WESTMINSTER COIN & CURRENCY SHOWS

Sunday, January 29, 2017

9:00 AM – 4:00 PM

**Westminster Fire Dept., Engine Company #1, 28 John Street,
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Engler Road, then left on John Street)**

Plan for future shows here on April 23, and October 22, 2017.

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Saturday / Sunday February 4 - 5, 2017

Saturday 9:00 AM – 6:00 PM and Sunday 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM

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CULPEPER COIN CLUB. Meets at 7:00 pm 1st Tuesday at Luigi's, 235 Southgate Shopping Center, Culpeper, VA 22701. Contact: Thom O'Connell, (540) 829-1050.

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MONTICELLO COIN CLUB. Meets on last Tuesday of the month at 5:00 pm for dinner and 6:30 pm for meeting/auction at the Elk's Club, 389 Elk Dr., Charlottesville, VA 22911. Contact: Bernie Gilbert, Email silverspoonbg86@gmail.com

PIEDMONT COIN CLUB. Meets at 7:00 pm on 3rd Tuesdays at the Volunteer Fire Dept., 205 John Redd Blvd, Collinsville, VA 24078. Contact: Ralph Brammer, P.O. Box 418, Collinsville, VA 24078. (276)-647-7411

RAPPAHANNOCK AREA COIN CLUB. Meets at 7:00 pm on 3rd Thursday at Shoney's Restaurant, 2203 Plank Road (Route 3), Fredericksburg, VA. Contact: Billy Hoovler, rubberhook1@aol.com, 540-785-7188. Website: www.racceteer.com

RICHMOND COIN CLUB. Meets at 6:30 PM (5:00 for dinner) on the 1st Tuesday of each month at Debbie's Kitchen, 13155 Mountain Rd Glen Allen, VA 23059. (804) 752-2432. Contact: William Scott, P.O. Box 31752, Henrico, VA 23294, 804-350-1140, woscott1@verizon.net, Website: richmondcoinclub.com

SALEM COIN CLUB. Meets at 7:00 PM on 2nd Mondays at Happy's Flea Market Bingo Room, 5411 Williamson Rd., Roanoke, VA, Contact Emmett Yonce, P.O. Box 512, Daleville, VA 24083, 540-992-5331.

SHENANDOAH VALLEY COIN CLUB. Meets at 7:30 pm on 2nd Mondays at the Augusta County Government Center, Verona, Va. Contact Pete (Russel) Shifflett, shiflerg@ntelos.net 540 290-5933. Email: SVCCSHOW@gmail.com See us on Facebook.

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Following the success of the publication on Virginia tokens, the VNA is planning to produce a book on Virginia obsolete paper money. The book will cover all forms of paper money except bank notes, which will be included in the upcoming Volume 8 of the Whitman Encyclopedia of Obsolete Paper Money. Eric Schena will author the new work and is planning on covering the following types of notes:

- * State Treasury Notes
- * County & Municipal notes
- * Privately issued notes
- * Transportation notes (excluding coupons and similarly related tokens)
- * Panic & Depression Scrip
- * Advertising notes
- * Business school notes
- * Mining notes (excluding coupon books or similarly related tokens)

To make this project as comprehensive as possible, we need your help! We are looking for any notes that have not been catalogued in the 1991 Jones & Littlefield catalog or are unpublished in any similar works. In addition, we will also need good color scans or photographs of notes to include. Illustration and contributor credit will be given where applicable. If you would like to assist in this project and contribute illustrations and listings, please contact Eric at eschena@hotmail.com for more details.



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